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Developer may buy third historic mill site

Members of the Wayne County Commission have approved the sale of the Wilcox Mill in Plymouth, again.

The original buyer, artist Tony Roko, was forced to abandon his plans for an artists' workshop and housing for his art foundation due to the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. During a meeting May 20, commissioners approved a plan to negotiate the sale of the historic property to Richard Cox, a developer already involved in the remodeling and repurposing of the other two mill sites owned by the county.

Cox, through Donofrio Wil Cox, LLC, has already purchased The Phoenix Mill at 14973 Northville Road in Plymouth Township and that building has been under development. Newburgh Mill at 37401 Hines Drive in Livonia is still owned by Wayne County although Cox is negotiating a modified agreement for that site. The sale of The Wilcox Mill, located at 230 Wilcox Road in Plymouth will now be negotiated with Cox' company, county officials confirmed. Cox was the second-highest bidder for the property prior to the sale agreement between Roko and the county for the property.

The mills are historic sites, designed by famed architect Albert Kahn, and built by Henry Ford for use in auto manufacturing. The sites were eventually used for storage and then abandoned for decades and fell into disuse, prompting an effort by county officials to sell the sites.

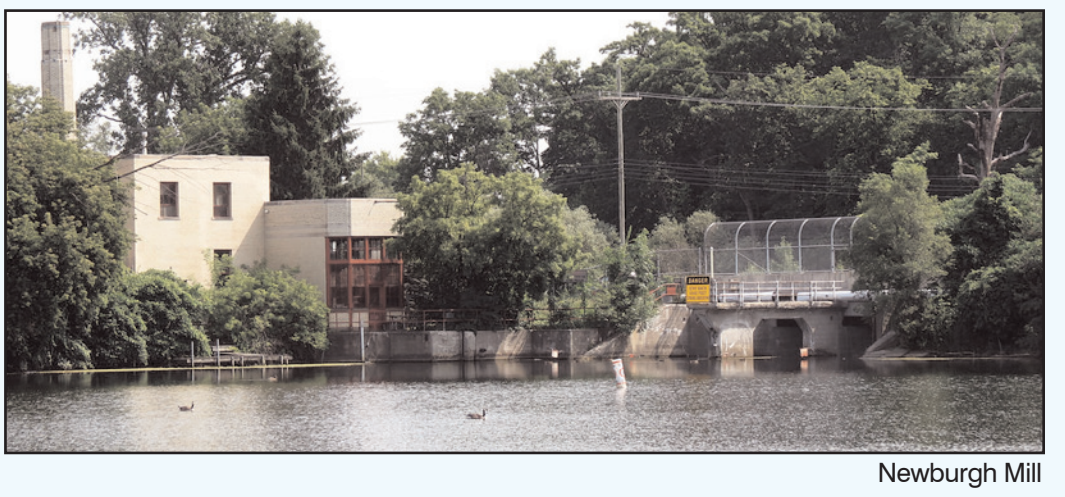
Original plans for the Phoenix Mill included a banquet center and a restaurant although the pandemic necessitated changes to those plans, according to Greg Donofrio who works with Critical Mass, a company associated with Cox, which purchased the mill. Instead of a restaurant, the space will be leased as office accommodations for a landscape architecture firm. The banquet center remains as part of the development plans, he said.

While not the original plan, Donofrio told members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees at a meeting last month that the changes mitigated concerns about parking at the site.

"With the change, it resolved the parking issue, which was the biggest issue when we presented this the last time," he said. "So we have adequate parking onsite now," he said at the meeting. He also told the trustees that plans now included the removal of 38,000 square feet of asphalt and converting that space to landscaping and greenery, adding more trees and grass. He assured the trustees that no trees would be removed from the mill site.

Wilcox Mill

Phoenix Mill



Newburgh Mill

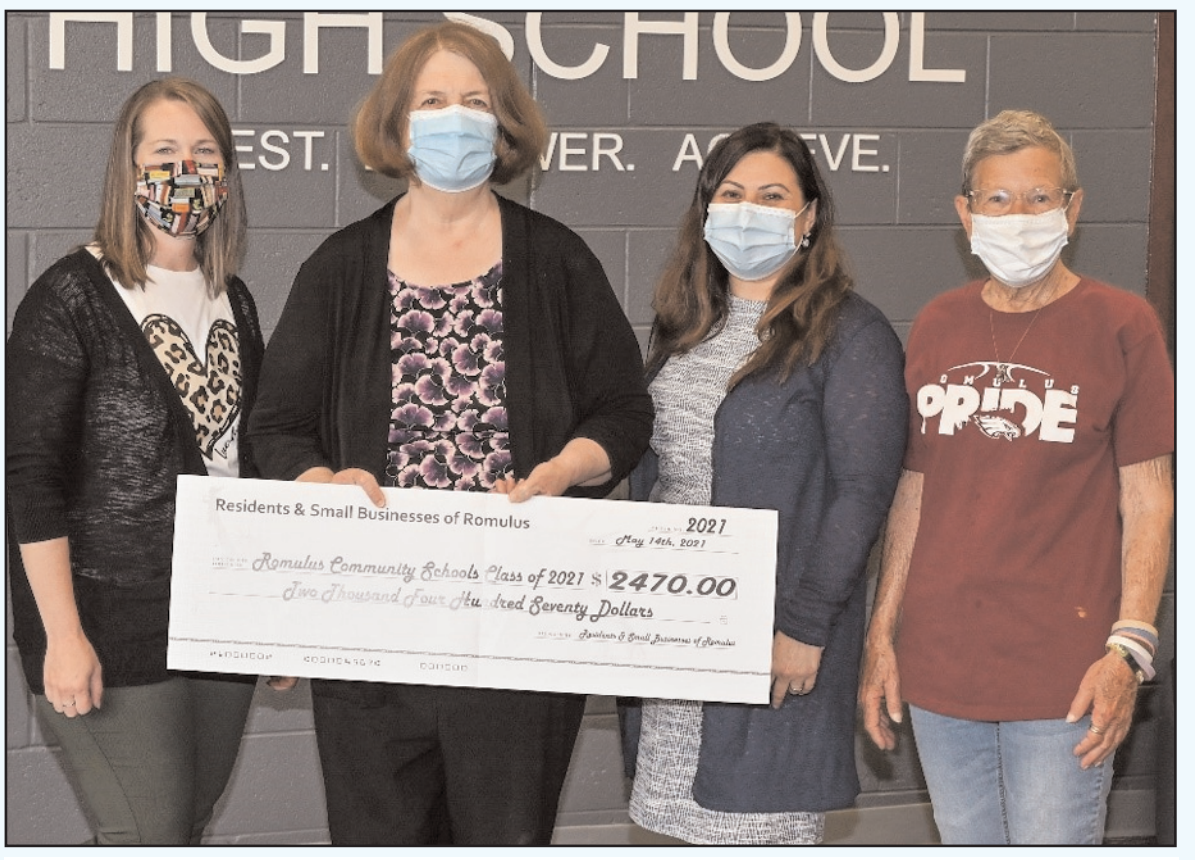
The sales agreements for the three mills require Cox, through the various companies with which he is involved, to notify Wayne County if any attempt is made to sell the mill sites in the future. No purchase price for any of the three sites has been made public although an analysis presented to commissioners required developers guarantee a minimum of $1 million in rehabilitation costs at each mill.

It takes a village

Local donations help Romulus High School seniors attend prom

Several Romulus High School students had an extra reason to celebrate at their prom last night.

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic had made the $75 tickets to the prom out of reach for several area families this year. When class advisors Wendy Pachota and Kyleen Zoltowski realized the number of students who could not attend the traditional senior high school event, they reached out to City Councilwoman Kathy Abdo, who taught at the high school for more that 40 years. Pachota and Zoltowski sought help from Abdo, who also spent decades as a class advisor at the school, wondering if she might know of any group or local business willing to donate enough to pay for one or two tickets for the students.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PRIDE

2021 Senior Class Advisor Kyleen Zoltowski, from left, City Councilwoman and sponsor Kathy Abdo, Class Advisor Wendy Pachota and co-sponsor Sandy Tenny, show off a mocked-up check for the donations collected to fund tickets to the senior prom at Romulus High School.

Abdo said she got the call about the situation in March and that she and co-sponsor, Romulus bus driver Sandy Tenny, spent about six weeks making phone calls to local individuals and businesses, seeking a little help for the graduating students.

Between the two, they collected $2,470 in pledges, enough to fund tickets for 32 seniors with a little left over to donate to funding the event. Thanks to the success of their six weeks of phone calls, the 32 students were able to attend the prom which took place outdoors at Crystal Gardens last night.

"These were all local, individual donations," Abdo said. "So many schools have had to cancel prom altogether. We are all looking for some semblance of normalcy in these times and having this event, outside, will provide that for these kids."

Abdo said that the majority of the donations were small amounts meant to help defray the ticket costs while St. John's Lodge donated a larger sum to help several of the students attend the once-in-a-lifetime event.

Canton

Cady-Boyer Barn destroyed in fire

An investigation into the fire that completely destroyed the historic Cady-Boyer Barn last Sunday afternoon is under way, according to fire officials.

The barn served as a museum and community gathering venue and was the site of the Farmers Market every Sunday. Only last week, a new pavilion was opened at the site.

Former Township Supervisor Pat Williams said that the loss "breaks my heart."

The Cady-Boyer Barn was originally built before the Civil War by one of the first township supervisors, David Cady, and was then enlarged and remodeled in 1908 by Aruna Cady, one of the pioneer families in Canton.

Historians determined that some of the timber posts were cut prior to the Civil War in saw mills operated by water wheels.

The barn was eventually sold to the Plymouth-Canton School District, and was used as the Rotary School Farm from 1970-1981. School district officials planned to tear it down to install tennis courts when the community stepped in. A donation from local historian and businessman Bob Boyer funded the move of the barn from the original location at Joy and McClumpha roads. Amish craftsmen were hired to dismantle the barn and rebuild it at the Ridge Road site and it was restored in 2006.

To complete the restoration, Amish craftsmen from Homer, MI took the structure apart and numbered each piece. The pieces were spread out on the field at the new site and reassembled using the numbering, according to historical accounts of the work.

Dave Curtis of the Canton Historical Society said the loss of the farm was extremely sad and that a historical aspect of the township has been lost. He reportedly said he hopes the structure can be replaced through donations and fundraising efforts.

Canton library returns to regular pre-pandemic hours

Regular hours of operation resumed at the Canton Public Library this week for the first time since March 13, 2020.

Library Director Eva Davis said that with the number of changes during the past year, "it feels great to return a little bit of normalcy to our patrons."

"As vaccination rates rise and COVID-19 infection rates drop in our community, we've been slowly and carefully expanding our services and operations," Davis said.

She noted that the recent hiring of new employees has brought the library closer to full staffing.

"We are excited to welcome our patrons back and look forward to seeing them," she said.

The library will continue to offer 60-minute in-person browsing or computer and equipment use sessions at a reduced occupancy limit. The library also provides curbside pickup of materials for patrons who prefer not to enter the building.

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"Many patrons discovered the wonders of digital materials like e-books, audiobooks, movies and TV shows online during our closure, but some people prefer coming in to browse and select their own physical materials," Davis said.

The library has been open in some capacity since June 2020, except for brief closures due to positive COVID-19 reports by staff.

The resumption of regular building hours follows the library Pandemic reopening procedure.

Regular operating hours for the library are 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Traffic accident claims lives of 85-year-old couple

An 85-year-old man and wife from Canton Township were killed May 26 when a pickup truck crashed into the side of their car in Monroe County.

According to police reports, the incident occurred at 5:23 a.m. last Wednesday on North Dixie Highway in front of the Sterling State Park entrance.

Larimore Clifford McDougall, 85, was reportedly driving a 2017 Hyundai Sonata with his wife, Marilyn Ann McDougall, also 85, in the passenger seat when a 55-year-old Monroe woman driving a red, 2011 GMC Sierra pickup truck crashed into their vehicle.

According to police reports, McDougall was turning left onto Dixie Highway from the park exit when the vehicle was struck on the driver's side by the pickup truck which was traveling north on Dixie Highway.

Police did not provide an estimate of the speed of the pickup truck when it struck the car.

Larimore McDougall was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash while his wife was transported by emergency responders to Beaumont Hospital in Trenton where she died from her injuries.

The driver of the pickup truck was also transported to Beaumont Hospital in Trenton with non-life threatening injuries, according to police reports. All three were wearing seatbelts, according to investigators who said that excessive speed or alcohol are not considered factors in the incident.

The fatal crash remains under investigation, police said, and anyone with information about the incident is asked to call (734) 240-7541.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2021 for the following:

ROOF REPLACEMENT - FELLOWS CREEK GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE & MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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ROOF REPLACEMENT - SUMMIT ON THE PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER FLAT ROOF

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MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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NOTICE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
REQUEST FOR BIDS
FIRE HEADQUARTERS FLOOR EPOXY

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed bids for **FIRE HEADQUARTERS FLOOR EPOXY** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

The Charter Township of Northville is a tax-exempt municipal government located in Wayne County. The Township provides services to approximately 30,000 residents encompassing 22 miles.

This project will include the surface preparation and epoxy coat of the apparatus bay floors at Northville Township's Fire Headquarters.

All pricing stated as a response to this request for proposals is not to exceed the bid amount.
During the evaluation process, the Township reserves the right to request additional information or clarification from vendors, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. Vendors submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation.
Both this document and the winning bid(s) will be considered contractual components.

Sealed bids will be received until **3:00 P.M.** prevailing Eastern Standard Time, **Thursday, June 17, 2021 by 3:00 P.M.** at which time bids will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows and delivered to:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED
FIRE HEADQUARTERS FLOOR EPOXY

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative bids and award a contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all bids; to subdivide the award, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Publish: June 3, 2021

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NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

ADOPTED TEXT AMENDMENT TO
Zoning Ordinance - Outdoor Events & Assembly Usage

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved the adoption of the amendment to Zoning Ordinance - Outdoor Events & Assembly Usage at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. during the Virtual Meeting.

The amendments is as follows:

DD. Outdoor Events & Assembly Uses

1. Uses shall be accessory to a permitted principal use of the property.
2. Uses shall comply with applicable township standards and regulations, including standards that are more restrictive when the use abuts a residentially zoned property or residential use. (clarification requested by Planning Commission)
3. All structures (temporary or permanent) shall meet the minimum setback required for principal structures. Additional setback may be required if determined to be needed based on nature and impact of the event.
4. On-site parking shall be provided in parking spaces meeting ordinance requirements. Off-site parking may be utilized if approved and documented.
5. Event shall cease by 10:00 PM when adjacent to residential zoning; midnight for all other zoning districts.
6. ~~The sound at any property line during an event shall be no greater than normal conversation levels, which is 75 dBA.~~ (Defer to township noise ordinance - Chapter 117, rather than define a new standard)
7. Non-essential lighting shall be turned off no later than one hour after the event.
8. Overnight stays/camping on-site are not permitted.

The Planning Commission Public Hearing of the amendment was held on April 27, 2021.

A copy of the full Ordinance and amendment can be viewed during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Township Clerk, Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168 or on the township's website: www.twp.northville.mi.us .

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held virtually on the 20th day of May, 2021.
Roger Lundberg
Clerk

Public Hearing: 04-27-21
Board of Trustee Approval: 05-20-21
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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Thanks, Friends

The work of volunteers who participated in the Garlic Mustard Removal Event May 15 at Coldwater Springs Nature Area improved the natural habitat for local plants and flora, officials said. The work was one part of the annual Rouge Rescue event which took place at locations throughout the Rouge Watershed. During the day-long event, volunteers collected 40 large bags and 808 pounds of the invasive, destructive weed from the nature area. Officials from The Friends of the Rouge, Northville Township and Northville Parks and Recreation Department issued a formal thanks to all those who participated in the event.

Northville is officially named as 'Tree City'

It's now official.

Northville has been awarded an official Tree City designation by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Arbor Day Foundation.

While the city has been widely recognized for the tree-lined streets that beautify neighborhoods and vast landmark trees that grace city parks, cemeteries and the Historic District, the official state designation only came last week.

"Tree City is an important goal for many communities and is one of the most visible indications of your community's commitment and achievement in the care of trees," said Kevin Sayers, urban and community forester for the Michigan DNR.

More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. They meet four core standards: maintain a tree board or department, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least $2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrate Arbor Day. In 2021, the City of Northville joined with Northville Township to celebrate Arbor Day by giving away free tree and plant seedlings. The city last received the designation in 2013, but intends to apply for it annually, officials said.

Dave Guttman, who chairs the Sustainability Team, said one of the goals is to advocate for the preservation and care of the tree canopy in the city. The team recently put tags on many historic trees in Northville denoting the tree species.

> *They reduce noise volume and create privacy and beauty. Everyone loves trees.*

"It's important to get the right kind of trees in the right place," said Guttman. "They reduce noise volume and create privacy and beauty. Everyone loves trees."

This month, the city was expected to plant 100 new trees in city parks, cemeteries, and along neighborhood and public street right-of-ways. The city contracted with Marine City Nursery to install species of tulip, ivory silk lilac, red maple and Exclamation London Planetree. These new trees will intensify the advantages of this natural resource through increased shade, cleaner air, a reduction in energy required to heat and cool homes, and reduced stormwater run-off, environmentalists said. One sugar maple tree can intercept 1,763 gallons of stormwater runoff annually and trees also promote groundwater infiltration, they added.

To better manage the city trees, Northville officials contracted with Davey Resources Group to conduct a tree inventory that will help determine which type of tree species to plant, the best location for any new plantings and the replacement of trees that are invasive or simply aren't thriving.

Local BP Gas station is accused of price gouging

Owners of a Plymouth Township gas station have until next Monday to explain the high cost of fuel during the recent gas shortage.

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, a Plymouth Township resident, said that her office received reports that the BP Gas station at 38600 Ann Arbor Road, just east of Interstate 275, was charging prices nearly $1 more per gallon of fuel than other stations in the area.

Nessel said that an investigator from her office went to the station which was selling unleaded gas for $3.899 and premium for $4.899 per gallon, prices that were, in fact, about $1 more than other local stations. Nessel said that representatives at the gas station refused to offer any explanation for the prices to the investigator, prompting her office to issue a cease and desist order against the station on May 27.

The high prices followed reports of gas shortages due to the computer attack on the Colonial Pipeline which caused temporary gas shortages throughout several southern states. That shortage did not directly impact Michigan gas availability, according to Nessel's office.

The complaint from the state attorney's office accuses the Plymouth BP station of fueling anxiety, creating the risk of an artificial price inflation in the community and most likely engaging in unfair trade practice.

Owners of the station have 10 business days from the May 27 cease and desist order to respond or face legal actions which could include a civil lawsuit. or a formal state investigation.

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Inkster - Westland

Westland plans neighborhood police meetings

Westland police want to "take a meeting" with local residents as part of a new community policing initiative called the Westland Police Neighborhood Safety Program.

"Our police department recognizes that every neighborhood has different concerns and public safety needs," said Mayor William R. Wild. "The goal of this program is to meet directly with the residents of specific neighborhoods to discuss their concerns."

The program will set up meetings at various locations and in various neighborhoods in the city. The first meeting is set for 10 a.m. this Saturday, June 5, at Rotary Park in the city.

"Working in partnership with neighborhood residents, the Westland Police Department will identify and resolve specific quality of life problems or concerns in particular areas. In addition, this is a great opportunity for neighbors to meet each other while also meeting their city police officers," Wild said.

> *The goal of this program is to meet directly with the residents of specific neighborhoods to discuss their concerns.*

"Neighbors working in partnership with each other - neighbors working in partnership with officers, is how we strengthen the community," commented Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

With the cooperation of Westland residents, the Westland Police Department will be able to identify neighborhood traffic concerns; neighbor disputes; vandalism; potential drugs; thefts and public safety concerns in these partnership meetings, officials said. The police will provide crime statistics specific to the neighborhood and safety tips.

The first Neighborhood Safety meeting will take place in Rotary Park with a specific focus on the businesses and homes between Marquette/Cherry Hill and Wayne/Radcliff. Wild, Jedrusik and members of the Westland Community Police Team will be in attendance.

Rotary Park is located at 601 Hanlon, Westland.

Wild said there will be regular meetings scheduled throughout the year in order to specifically focus on Westland neighborhoods individually. Further information will available at www.cityofwestland.com.

Investigations into multiple fatal shootings continue

Investigations into two separate shootings that killed three people in Inkster May 24 and May 25 are continuing, police said.

During an early-evening basketball game in the 27900 block of Rosewood Street on Monday night, May 25, four people were shot, two of them fatally.

All of the victims were transported to a local hospital with their injuries. One victim died the same night at the hospital while a second died early Tuesday.

Witnesses told Michigan State Police investigators that several suspects ran between houses and opened fire with multiple weapons on the four victims playing basketball. All the shooters fled the scene and police have not yet identified the suspects.

Police surmise that an earlier shooting at about 4 a.m. Tuesday at a home in the 3800 block of Inkster Road may be connected to the later shooting. Police said they were first called to the home on a report of a woman being shot. Police took a weapon from her boyfriend in the home, but did not confirm it was the weapon used in the shooting. Later the same morning, between 5:30 and 6:05, police believe the same individuals who had earlier wounded the woman returned and shot her boyfriend in the head, killing him.

"It appears the first shooting wasn't the intended victim. They came back around to unfortunately finish what they started," said Lt. Michael Shaw, with Michigan State Police.

At last report, police had not identified any suspects in either of the incidents.

Economic development to be topic of survey, session

Westland officials want to know what residents think about the economic development in the city.

City administrators are in the process of formalizing a comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan. The goal is to identify initiatives and methods that will encourage diversity of the economic base in the city and tap opportunities for economic expansion in an effort to help to promote community wealth building.

The process for building the plan includes significant analytic research coupled with input obtained from the business community, residents, non-profit organizations and other key community stakeholders. In order to obtain this input, city officials have developed a survey to gather insights and guide to plan formation.

Individuals interested in completing the survey, can do so by accessing https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestlandStakeholderSurvey

The survey results and other important topics will be discussed during a strategic planning session which will take place at 5:30 p.m. June 30 in the Mayor Gene McKinney Grand Ballroom at Westland City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road. Interested individuals are encouraged by officials to join in this collaborative discussion to help mobilize efforts in the development and subsequent application of plan priorities.

"With the evolving market dynamics in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and potential economic implications, it is more important than ever that we define our priorities and focus our efforts on projects and investments that will result in long-term economic stability and growth," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

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Development of a formalized Economic Development Strategic Plan is a requirement under the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities Program (RRC). The formal plan was identified as a priority for 2021 during strategic planning workshops with the city council members earlier this year.

In March, Westland engaged Bonner Advisory Group to assist with the creation of the strategic plan. The city received a grant from the Michigan Department of Treasury which will fund the project in its entirety.

For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at (734) 467-3264.

NOTICE!!

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on its proposed budget will be held by the Board of Education of the Westwood Community School District on:

Thursday, June 10, 2021
at 6:30 p.m.
In the Equilla F. Bradford
Administrative Center
3335 S. Beech Daly Road
Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48125

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review in the Westwood Administrative Office Center between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2021.

Sarah Ward, Secretary
Westwood Board of Education

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2004 HONDA
SHSRD788X4U252529

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1G6KD54Y45U233621
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4T1GK13EGRU853610
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KMHHN65F13U072712
2006 CADILLAC
1G6KD57Y56U170963

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3GNFK16T51G168622
2004 PONTIAC
2G2WR524141101933
UNK UNK UNKOWN
2008 CHEVROLET
1G1ZK57728F279440
1998 FORD
1FTZX18WXWNC10280
2003 BUICK
1G4HP52K93U201642
2005 DODGE
2D4GV58215H682895
2012 SCION
JTLZE4FE2CJ024533
2003 CHEVROLET
1GNDT13S032164795
1998 TOYOTA
4T1BG22K6WU329300

The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Police Department within 48 hours of the sale. There is a $100.00 buyers fee per vehicle paid to Canton Police Department upon retrieving TR-52's.

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1FAFP36P1YW266489
2006 DODGE SW
2D4GP44L86R790560
2008 CHEVROLET 4DR
2G1WT58K789228091

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2013 FORD
3FADP4TJ5DM193683
2006 MERCURY
3MEFM08176R607063

The above vehicles are impounded through the Garden City Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Garden City Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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ROMULUS - WAYNE

Wayne councilman resigns

Wayne Councilman Anthony Miller has announced his resignation from the municipal body. He said his last meeting will be this month and that he has sold his Wayne home and will be moving from the city to Florida.

Miller was first appointed to the city council Dec. 16, 2014 and took office in January of 2015. He won election to a full term on the council in November of 2016 and was selected as Mayor Pro Tem in January of 2017. He was reelected in November of 2018 and his current term will continue until Nov. 14, 2022.

Anthony Miller

Miller said that he turned 62 this year and retired in March. A brief vacation trip to Florida following his new-found freedom turned into a month-long stay and "things just snowballed from there." He said he found a new home in Florida and that selling his Wayne house was "financially a good move."

Miller said he was humbled and honored to have been able to serve on the city council and to have been reelected twice by voters.

"I also ran for mayor last year and lost by only about 116 or so votes. I didn't spend $1,000 on that campaign which meant that people placed their trust in me," he said. "For fellow residents to place that level of trust in you is an amazing thing," he said.

Miller added that he stands by everything he said in that mayoral campaign and that he has "no regrets."

"I think and I hope I made an impact," he said. "I know the administration and council had issues with me, but I was there to hold their feet to the fire. I was hired by the residents, not the council," he said.

The remaining members of the council have 30 days, by state law, to fill the remainder of his term.

Miller said that serving on the council had been an "amazing experience with some things I wasn't expecting, but that goes with the territory."

He said during his time on the council he stood "for what I believed in."

"I think people respected and believed in me. They knew what I stood for," he said. "There is no stronger element of character than to have your fellow residents place their trust in you," he concluded.

Bittersweet day

Last Friday, members of the Romulus Police Department introduced their newest member, Ofc. Caitlin Dorsey, left, as they said goodbye to one of the longest serving officers in the department. Dorsey is a resident of the city and a graduate of Romulus High School. She is also a graduate of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and is completing her degree at Wayne County Community College. The same day, officers helped Cpt. Josh Monte, right, one of the longest serving members of the Romulus Police Department, celebrate his retirement during his last day on the job. Fellow officers said that Monte was more than an officer or city employee, "he was a leader, a mentor, and true servant of the community."

Wayne police install new electronic speed sign

Wayne police have received numerous reports of vehicles traveling at excessive speeds through Wayne neighborhoods.

To combat the problem, grant funds were recently used to purchase an electronic speed measurement sign for police use. The problem is serious, officials said, as speed is a factor in more than 25 percent of all fatal traffic crashes, according to national statistics.

Officers said that traditional traffic enforcement in neighborhoods would be continued, and that the electronic device would be used to remind drivers of the speed they were driving and the need to obey posted speed limits.

The sign, officials said, is not equipped with cameras or license plate readers and drivers cannot be ticketed for driving past the sign at an excessive speed.

The speed sign was recently placed on Chestnut Street between Second and Third streets. Between May 6 and May 13, a total of 839 vehicles drove past the sign in the 25 mile per hour zone. Reports indicated that 801 or 95 percent of vehicles were at the speed limit while 38 or 5 percent were at 26 miles per hour or faster. The average speed recorded by the sign was 19 miles per hour, according to reports.

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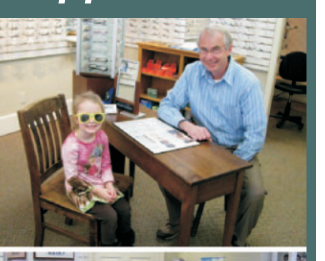

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Belleville

Ride 'em cowboy

Midwest Rodeo is coming to Fairgrounds June 11-12

There will be steer wrestling, calf roping, relay races and bull riding, along with many other traditional rodeo events June 11 and 12 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

The Midwest Invitational Rodeo - the top showcase of the Black cowboy/cowgirl story - will return for one weekend only and guests can experience the authentic African-American Rodeo and join in celebration of Juneteenth. Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans will participate as the Grand Marshall.

With more than 50 years of rodeo production experience, Midwest Invitational Rodeo is a competitive traveling rodeo that showcases the top rodeo talents in the nation.

The family-friendly event will feature activities for all ages.

Prior to the rodeo which starts promptly at 7 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, doors will open to the public at 3 p.m. for a festival atmosphere of food trucks, music and product and service vendors.

The American Red Cross, Michigan State 4-H program, Wayne County Parks and many other special vendors and guests will be in attendance June 11 and June 12.

Grounded by generations of history, the showcase celebrates African-American cowboys' meaningful contributions to the sport.

Following the Civil War, working as a cowboy was one of the few jobs available for men of color in search of economic opportunity amidst newfound freedom.

That said, those who did pursue this path often faced discrimination in many American towns despite their skillset being deemed equal to their white counterparts.

"The county welcomes this partnership to bring such an incredibly energetic and vibrant event back to Metro Detroit," Evans said. "As we commemorate so many pieces of our history, from the Tulsa Massacre to Juneteenth, it's important that everyone take the time to learn the facets of our history that are usually ignored or glossed over in the textbooks and pop culture. Learning those lessons will ensure we not only avoid repeating similar mistakes, but also is a key guiding principle if we are to build a fairer, more equitable future for everyone."

Tickets purchased in advance are priced at $20 and $25 if purchased the day of the show.

Children 3 and younger are admitted at no cost with an adult.

There is a $5 parking fee.

Wayne County Fairgrounds is located at 10871 Quirk Road in Belleville.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.midwest-invitational.com or contact Midwest.Invitational.Rodeo@gmail.com via email.

Rotary Club scholarships are awarded

Four local high school graduates were awarded scholarships from the Rotary Club of Belleville during ceremonies last week.

Since the inception of the scholarship program, the Rotary Club of Belleville has awarded $587,000 to Belleville High School students. This year, during the 76th Annual Scholarship Program, four $5,000 scholarships were presented to local students. Three of those were academic awards presented to Joshua Jeng, Nicholas Rafferty and Kyler Warren. The Charles B. Cozaad Community Service Award was presented to Jessica Ley.

School administrators, parents, family members joined several Rotarians during the brief May 25 program at Belleville High School during which the awards were presented.

During the meeting, Belleville Rotary Club President Debra Green offered a welcome including an explanation of what Rotary is, her history with the Belleville club, and a summary of club activities helping individual citizens, communities and other charities in carrying on their work.

Each of the four awardees thanked the Rotary club members and spoke about their plans going forward and how the scholarships will assist them in reaching their academic and career goals.

Scholarship Committee Chair Mary Jo Suchy thanked all the attendees, the scholarship committee and any others whose work made the evening possible before closing the meeting.

This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozaad Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding or partial funding of many projects.

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